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PASS LABOR FOR SEGALL, PERSONS AND QUACKENBUSH

EO: 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ILO: APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT DG FROM JAPAN

REF: TOKYO 6510

1. BOTH KUDO AND YOSHIMURA WELL KNOWN TO MISSION AND BOTH ARE QUALIFIED TO SERVE AS ADG; HOWEVER, NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ILO/DG BLANCHARD AND GOJ HAVE BEEN GOING ON SINCE DEATH OF PREVIOUS ADG LAST SUMMER. KUDO, FOR INSTANCE, WAS MEMBER OF JAPANESE DELEGATION AT NOVEMBER SESSION OF GOVERNING BODY AND PRESUMABLY WAS INTERVIEWED BY BLANCHARD AT THAT TIME. PROBLEM IS MORE COMPLICATED THAN APPEARS AND INVOLVES DELICATE NEGOTIATIONS ON PART OF BLANCHARD IN OTHER HIGH-LEVEL APPOINTMENTS, PERHAPS INCLUDING STILL VACANT THIRD DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL POSITION. REFTEL IS FIRST INDICATION BLANCHARD MAY HAVE ABANDONED DESIRE NOT TO FILL VACANT ASSISTANT DG POSITION.

2. WHEREAS IT WOULD BE IN USG INTEREST TO HAVE KUDO, YOSHIMURA OR OTHER WELL-QUALIFIED JAPANESE IN HIGH ILO POSITION, MISSION BELIEVES IT NOT ADVISABLE TO INTERVENE IN MATTER OF PRIME CONCERN TO ILO DG AND GOJ. AT THIS STAGE BALL IS IN GOJ COURT; US COULD BE EMBARRASSED IF IT APPEARED TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF YOSHIMURA AND GOJ THEN DECIDED TO GO TO THE MAT WITH BLANCHARD IN ORDER TO SECURE APPOINTMENT FOR KUDO.DALE

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